

CLAIMS

We claim:

1 1. An elastic loop for securing a bag to a trashcan,
2 consisting of:

3 a plurality of elastic strands, each strand having a first
4 end and a second end, each of the strands being substantially
5 equal in length;

6 a tubular cover having a first end and a second end and
7 being substantially equal in length to each of said elastic
8 strands, said tubular cover constructed of a pliable material; and
9 a coupler;

10 wherein each of said elastic strands is disposed inside said
11 tubular cover with said first end of said tubular cover and said
12 first end of each of said elastic strands aligned and with said
13 second end of said tubular cover and said second end of each of
14 said elastic strands aligned, wherein said elastic strands and
15 said tubular cover form an elastic cord having a first end and a
16 second end; and

17 wherein said first and said second ends of said elastic
18 cord are aligned end-to-end and are coupled together with said
19 coupler to form an endless loop.

1 2. The elastic loop according to claim 1, wherein said
2 elastic cord is round in cross section with a cross-sectional
3 diameter of between about one-quarter of an inch and about 3/16 of
4 an inch.

1 3. An elastic loop for securing a bag to a trashcan,
2 consisting of:

3 a plurality of elastic strands, each strand being
4 substantially equal in circumference; and

5 a tubular loop being substantially equal in
6 circumference to each of said elastic strands and being
7 constructed of a pliable material;

8 wherein each of said elastic bands is disposed inside
9 said tubular loop.

1 4. The elastic loop according to claim 3, wherein said
2 elastic loop for securing a bag to a trash can is round in cross
3 section with a cross sectional diameter of between about one-
4 quarter of an inch and about 3/16 of an inch.

1 5. An elastic loop in combination with a trashcan,
2 comprising:

3 a trashcan having a rim and having a groove
4 circumscribing said trashcan, said groove being recessed inward
5 and disposed beneath rim of said trashcan; and

6 an elastic loop removably disposed in the groove of
7 said trashcan;

8 whereby said elastic loop is adapted for resiliently
9 securing a trash bag to the rim of said trashcan.

1 6. The elastic loop according to claim 5, wherein;

2 said elastic loop is comprised of at least two elastic

3 strands, a tubular cover and a crimp;

4 each of said at least two elastic strands having a

5 first end and a second end and being substantially equal in

6 length; and

7 said tubular cover having a first end and a second end,

8 and being constructed of a pliable material and being

9 substantially equal in length to each of said elastic strands;

10 wherein each of said elastic strands is disposed inside

11 said tubular cover with said first end of said tubular cover and

12 said first end of each of said elastic strands aligned and with

13 said second end of said tubular cover and said second end of each

14 of said elastic strands aligned, wherein said elastic strands and

15 said tubular cover form an elastic cord having a first end and a

16 second end; and

17 wherein said first and said second ends of said elastic

18 cord are aligned end-to-end and are crimped together with said

19 crimp to form a loop.

1 7. The elastic loop according to claim 6, wherein said
2 elastic cord is round in cross section with a cross sectional
3 diameter of between about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch and about $\frac{3}{16}$ of an inch.

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2 8. The device according to claim 5, wherein said elastic
3 loop is comprised of at least two elastic strands and a tubular
4 loop, each of said at least two elastic strands being
5 substantially equal in circumference, said tubular loop being
6 constructed of a pliable material, and being substantially equal
7 in circumference to each of said elastic bands, each of said
8 elastic strands being disposed inside said tubular loop.

1 9. The elastic loop according to claim 8, wherein said
2 elastic loop is round in cross section with a cross-sectional
3 diameter of between about one-quarter of an inch and about $\frac{3}{16}$ of
4 an inch.